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Title: METHOD FOR ESTIMATING AMOUNT OF ANGULAR DISAGREEMENT  
OF PLANES OF POLARIZATION OF POLARIZATION-MAINTAINING  
OPTICAL FIBERS AND FOR CONNECTING POLARIZATION-  
MAINTAINING OPTICAL FIBERS  
Art Unit: 2878  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.